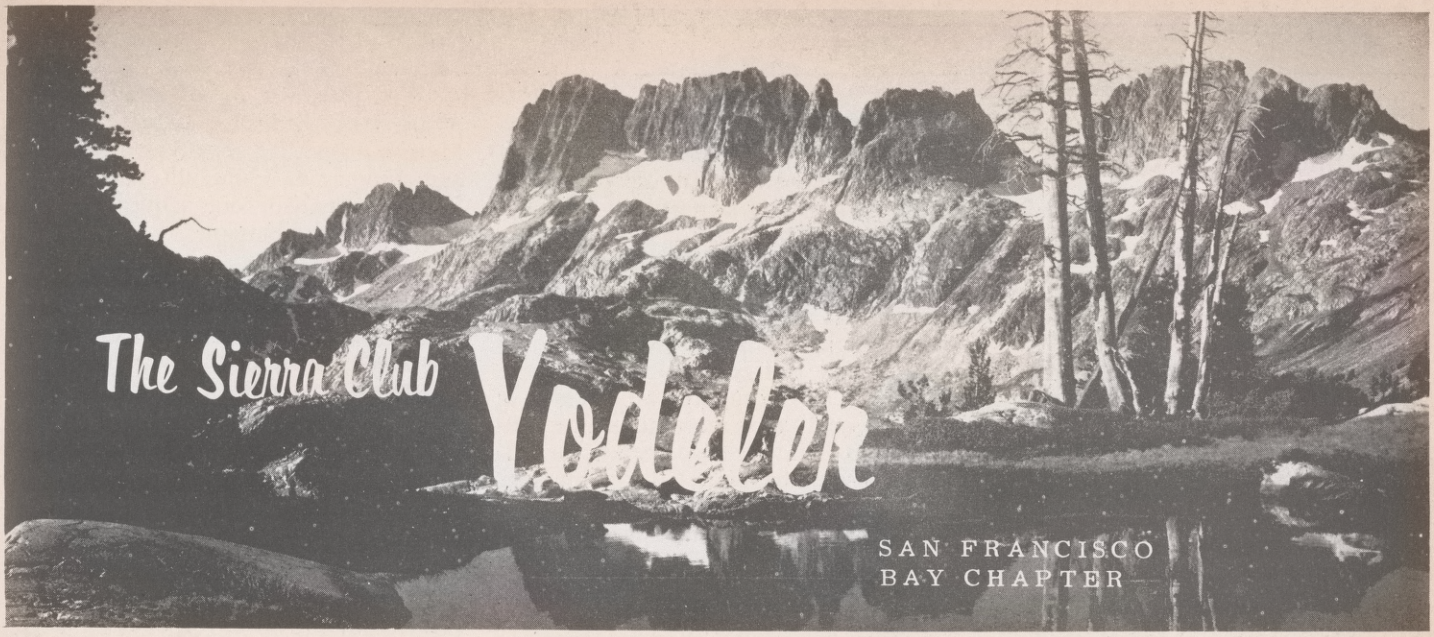

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Conservation . . . A NEW YEAR CALL TO ACTION

Many months ago, after the State Legislature had passed SB-1000, appropriating money for enlarging *Mt. Tamalpais State Park,* we learned that a flaw in the wording of the bill would probably hold up action until the following year, when the Legislature would have to correct it. The New Year is here and the session is about to begin. On February 1 the Legislature meets to get acquainted with Budget items, and reconvenes on March 1 to begin the Budget Session.

Before that time we must be sure that it understands that SB-1000 is in urgent need of clarification and correction.

The catch is in the wording, which—according to the Attorney-General—requires that all State Park projects previously authorized must be completed before money for SB-1000 becomes available. Many of these projects are remote and not at all in need of money to save them from a rising tide of cement. The Department is well ahead in its projects anyway, for of 130 items authorized in 1956, more than two-thirds have been started and many nearly completed, so the high priority items in that list have been given proper attention. Acquisition of land on Tamalpais is a critical need *now*. A safe procedure in correcting the bill, according to the Legislative Council, is to make the appropriation a part of the Budget Data, which is a list of items published as part of the Budget when it is submitted to the Legislature. There is no need to reopen the whole question of the need for the money, as the Legislature has already given its blessing to the project, although in effect has post-dated its check.

Will you help us to get this corrected by letters to the Governor (and the State Park Commission, who should be informed of the support for this bill)? Stress the facts: the lands we need for the Park are in danger of sale for other purposes at any time; the Legislature has definitely expressed its wish to save more of Tamalpais for the whole State to enjoy; the State Park Commission has approved all projects mentioned in SB-1000. It would be tragic to lose our chance of an adequate State Park on Tamalpais because of an unfortunate phrase in the original bill.

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Robinson Speaks

Shortly after election to the Bay Chapter Executive Committee and subsequently to the chairmanship of that august group, we received a postcard that read: "Congratulations on your election—now how about letting us outsiders know what goes on in the chapter inner sanctum." The writer of the card identified himself only as a constituent; otherwise he would now have a job! We once inquired and were rewarded with nomination and succeeding election to the Committee.

Since we have managed to survive 1) the arrival of our third child (second son) on Big Game day; 2) Thanksgiving; 3) Christmas; and 4) New Year's, we will endeavor to hold true to the mandate of our "constituent".

Your Chairman, having had a primary interest in "Club" activities, as distinguished from "chapter" activities, has been constantly and pleasantly surprised at the myriad of events, diverse in nature, undertaken by various groups within the chapter. The schedule tells only half the story. Because the Executive Committee is responsible for each activity, we have appointed one of our number to be a liaison with each of the major sections within the chapter.

Current items of interest on which comment is invited are:

1) Should THE YODELER be sent to all members of the chapter without charge, rather than to those who subscribe at $1.00 per year? Increased circulation would be valuable, but the increased cost would have to be met from some source—probably advertising. Assuming advertising is available, would increased coverage justify the advertising?

2) The annual dinner is traditionally a fancy spread at one of the finer hotels and includes band and dancing following the banquet. The generally increasing cost of such an affair has resulted in the price hovering in the neighborhood of $6.00 per person — out of reach of many of the younger, active members of the Club. There are several people who feel we should put on a less elaborate affair in order to attract a greater number to this large annual party.

Anyone with any ideas, criticisms, or suggestions is cordially invited to attend any meetings, or to advance his comments to the chairman or any member of the Committee. The Executive Committee meets on the second Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Club office.

—NED ROBINSON

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CONSERVATION

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An official letter from the Sierra Club has gone to Governor Knight, but it will be more effective if you will back it up with your own personal opinions.

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By the time this reaches our readers we may know if *Butano State Park* will live or die. We explained in a recent issue that the Department of Beaches and Parks is inclined to abandon the whole project because of difficulty in acquiring titles from owners hopeful of wealth from oil. Assemblyman Richard Dolwig is much interested in Butano and has called a meeting for January 13 (who will be the unlucky ones?) at which the results of an oil survey will be presented and the whole matter discussed to a decision. Jack Barnard and Bob Frenkel will represent the Sierra Club and do their best for the much-injured Park.

We hear that the Forest Service has delayed opening bids on the proposed sanitation salvage cut on *Alamo Mountain* since it received a formal protest from the Sierra Club. The next step will normally be a public hearing.

On the national scene, we look forward thoughtfully to our big project for the year, the *Wilderness Bill*. Adjustment and compromise will certainly be made provided we can keep intact the heart of the bill, which is legal protection for the wilderness we now have. Many people either misunderstand the bill or oppose it because of misrepresentation by those who have other interests to consider. One of the groups which has expressed opposition is the State Chamber of Commerce, but when it understood the objective more clearly it revised and moderated its statement. Another is the State Department of Water Resources. The Director of the Department, Mr. Harvey Banks, will soon meet with the Directors of the Sierra Club in a friendly and informal conference to explore the whole subject. When the Wilderness Bill comes to Congress it will need all the support we can give it. No one will know more about the subject than you, who have been in the wilderness with the Sierra Club many times and understand what it is and what it means, and how much it needs protection.

—CMC

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

Well, our regular gossip-editor's car was in an incident today, no injuries to anyone — but Nancy can't make this issue tonight. A demolished car makes for very poor transportation, and your editor is going to try this column again.

Shall we call this a Siri(ous) Pace? *Will Siri* and *Nello Pace* have recently left for the deep south of the border—the southern polar continent to be exact. They are going to do some UC-sponsored research for the International Geophysical Year-and-a-half (July '57 to Dec. '58). It's summer down there now, but we bet they had a white Christmas anyway. And let us know how Sir Hillary is, Will.

More about *Warren Lemmon's* new job—he is now in charge of real estate properties of Matson Navigation. Since Matson properties are divided between San Francisco, Honolulu and points West, Warren will soon acquire the title of the "Flying Lemmon".

We have some very gratifying news on the pulling power of Yodeler ads. Evelyn Mengel, who had quite a bit of used-once ski equipment to dispose of, was most pleased with the results. She didn't actually sell anything, as all the people who inquired were the wrong size for her equipment, but she did get excellent response. Watch for a repeat ad in an early issue. She says we were so much better than the *Examiner* ad, which was just a flop. (Cheer up, Mr. Hearst, there's room for both of us in this journalism business!)

We have it on good authority (*Reader's Digest,* January 1958, page 186) that the American Trust Co. of San Francisco is non-existent, and hasten to urge all members banking with this firm to switch your funds to an existent bank.

Such a problem with remembering girls' names — just when we do learn them, the girls change their names. One prominent skier, knapsacker, river-tourer, singer, is now signing her letters *Virginia McKay Benson.* And also there's *Lotte Martens Nicklos.* Best wishes to the girls, and congratulations to *Art* and *Jim*, respectively. Also, congratulations to *Frances Payne* for being back home recovering from a serious operation.

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CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MAY BE PROPER TO SPEAK TO THEM EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED.

LARNIN'

An evening course for adults in the history of California from the Gold Rush to the present will be offered in Berkeley this spring by the University of California Extension.

Theodore E. Treutlein, Professor of History at San Francisco State College, will conduct the course, which begins Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m., in Room 187, Dwinelle Hall, on the U.C. campus.

Dr. Treutlein will survey the development of the state politically, economically and culturally, in 18 weekly sessions.

Further information and application for enrollment may be obtained from University of California Extension, 2441 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4 (AShberry 3-6000, local 8221).

—Don McDaniel

A DOG'S DAY ON THE TRAIL

An ungainly pup turned a routine hike into a vaudeville show when he decided to accompany December 7 trippers in the Phoenix and Lagunitas lakes area.

"Lover Boy" — he was nicknamed that because he was so affectionate— picked up the group as it wound its way through Fairfax, the City of Dogs That Bark at Hikers, and no "Doggie Go Home" shouts could keep him off the trail.

He must have thought the hikers a stupid lot, for no one would pay any attention to him when he rushed into the brush and stopped dead, pointing up some game or other.

His lickety-split racing up and down the trail only mildly exhausted his audience, but when lunchtime came "Lover Boy" really got himself in a jam. "Your lunch is my lunch" was his motto and people didn't warm to him very much.

A sad dog was he (and vocally so) when the day's hero (Bob Boelen) and heroine (Ulla Jensen) came to the rescue of the rest of the party. For Ulla had a length of rope in her knapsack and Bob had the knack of quieting "Lover Boy" long enough to tie him loosely to a tree.

Lunch was peaceful enough. Afterward two hikers made a special trip back to Fairfax to return "Lover Boy" to his owners, while the others continued to Ross.

—A. R.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sierra Club Director William Siri is planning a little trip south after New Year. Nothing so ordinary as Florida or Mexico, though, for Will is already at Little America and is all set for the South Pole, which we understand from the papers is flat, snow-covered, and entirely surrounded by a circle of oil drums. Will expects to meet Sir Edmund Hillary there or along the way. Research on exposure and survival is the objective of the trip to Antarctica. We hope to hear much of interest when Will returns in March.

Members who remember James (Jim) Whitehead as Assistant Ranger at Mt. Tamalpais State Park will be pleased to know that he has been promoted again and will now be district office representative at the new State Historical Monument of Saint Simeon. We hear that Jim has made quite a reputation for himself in organization and supervision, both qualities highly important in dealing with the tremendous project of Hearst Castle. The Whiteheads have just made a trip to Europe, and will soon move from Point Lobos, where he has been stationed for three years, to Cambria near Saint Simeon.

C. Edward Graves, known to his many friends as Ned, has resigned as Western Representative of the National Parks Association. Ned's collection of fine kodachromes of the National Parks are famous and his column in the Carmel *Pine Cone*, which was just part of his constant efforts for Conservation, has done an enormous service in bringing the Parks and their problems before the public. Ned has handed his work for the Association to Joe Carithers, of Carmel Valley, and we are quite sure that both will continue to work for the National Parks in all their waking moments.

—C. M. C.

"THE ERUPTION OF KILAUEA"

The dramatic and colorful record of this live volcano will be presented by Gordon MacDonald of the U. S. Geological Survey at the Natural Science meeting on January 17 at the Mills Tower Assembly Room at 8 p.m. It beats Fantasia even without sound.

For dinner before the program, meet at 6 outside the Mills Tower entrance on Bush Street.

—Wilfred Ward

BRADLEY HUT REUNION

All members of Bradley Hut work parties during the past summer are invited to the ski weekend reunion January 18 and 19 at the Hut.

Please call Jesper Strandgaard if you would like to attend, at DUnlap 8-7322 in Mill Valley.

—Ned Robinson

RIVER TOURING MOVIE

An excellent movie will be featured at the January 14 meeting of the River Touring Section. It's Klepper's "Wild Water" in sound and color and runs about one and a half hours. It will be shown at the regular meeting place— Lake Merritt Club House at 8 p.m.

WEST POINT CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1958

*Jan. 18-19—Tillie Smedberg and Amy Deeter, UNderhill 1-9774	Evenings
Jan. 25-26—Reserved for Berkeley Hiking Club	
*Feb. 1- 2—Estelle Berkhimer, THornwall 8-8384	Any time
and Eleanor Locey, AShberry 3-0772	Evenings
Feb. 8- 9—Bernice and John Green, FIlmore 6-5981	Evenings
*Feb. 15-16—Ruth and Ray L'Esperance, DUnlap 8-0434	Any time
Deluxe Dinner Extra Cost	
Feb. 22-23—Portia and Frank Bradley, JOrdan 7-1789	Evenings

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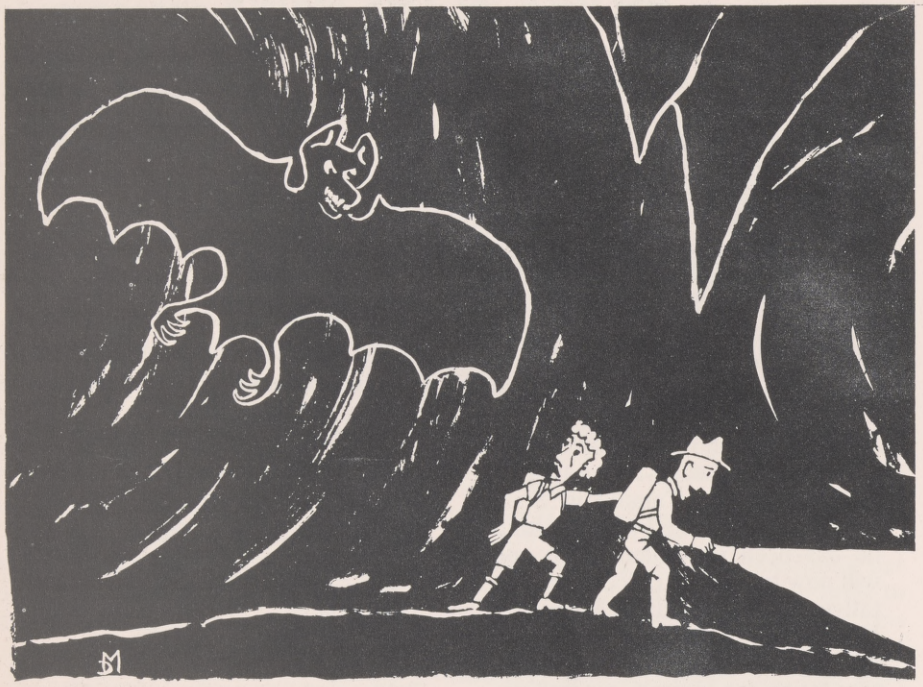

COME, MISS JONES, DON'T LET A FEW BATS FRIGHTEN YOU, THEY DON'T REALLY GET INTO YOUR HAIR, YOU KNOW!

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Hi there!

The "Vienna Section" skiers of Loma Prieta Chapter (San Jose) are here "skiing the old year out and the new year in," up on the "Hahnenkamm"! There's no snow anywhere lower down this year. This is quite unusual for Kitzbühel. Anderl Molterer passed us on the slope below "Ehrenbachöhe" with a group of 8-year-old boys following his lead and teaching. That's the way to really learn young! All the best to the staff for 1958!

Ski Heil,

R. D. REEL (writing from) Vienna

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I'll be in Karachi for about two years, so if anyone comes through, tell them to contact me. Flew here via New York, Paris, Rome, Tel Aviv and Teheran. Best part was flying over the Alps and Mt. Blanc.

Regards to all.

—HELENE GLASS
APO 271, New York

CTL NEWS

The new ski season was ushered in by four feet of *real* powder snow during the week of December 15. Those present at the lodge during the Christmas and New Year's holidays enjoyed excellent skiing at Signal Hill.

The Tri-Club Race between Cal, Nature Friends (Heidelmann Lodge) and Sierra Club was held on Sunday, December 29, with Sierra Club losing to Nature Friends by 6 seconds.

As you have read in the December "Bulletin", we have new quarters in the north annex. On the first real test, they brought many smiles of approval.

As usual, the New Year's Eve program was a big hit. Dick Lindstrom turned in a gagful job as M.C.; aiding and abetting him was ex-tow operator Pete Carnegie.

Entertainment included a skit directed by Keith Lummis; Mary-Stuart Hoopes, Peggy and Burry Wayburn, and Arnold Long combined their musical talents; the Sierra Sextet gave us their rendition of an original song; finally was a parody on "A Day at CTL".

Among the newlyweds present were Virginia McKay, now Mrs. Art Benson, with her husband; John Austin and his bride Jeanette; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nicklos (the former Lotte Martens).

After the entertainment, many people went 'round the mountain to wish Rudy Talso the best of the New Year at his new post, the Donner Ski Ranch.

A Happy New Year to all of you from CTL.

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The date of the first Lodge Committee meeting of the year, previously announced as scheduled for January 11, has been changed to Saturday evening, January 25. All are welcome to attend and kibbitz. It will be at the Lodge.

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Sierra Club results from the Tri-Club Race, December 29:

Don Rehbein	42.9
Roger Hackley	45.7
Bob Beattie	46.0
Bob Frick	50.3
Pete Farquhar	50.5
Bob Frenkel	54.0
Pete Ostwald	55.0
Earl Oliver	58.0
Neil Anderson	65.0
Lewis Clark	78.8
Don McCluskey	134.0
Lotte Nicklos	53.9
Lisa Escherick	57.6
Roberta Codis	65.2
Elsa Bailey	74.4
Anne Waybur	77.2
Diane Clayton	101.0

MOUNTAINEARS

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Lost & Found Dept: *Marguerite Dorsey* reports custody of a Sheffield eating utensil, part of a set, which someone left at Pinnacles lately. If this is yours and you'd like to have it rejoin its fork and spoon mates, phone Mrs. John Muir Dorsey—see E. Bay phone book.

More marriages: *Max Weissenberg* and Elsi Urbany on November 27, also *Benjamin Lefkowitz* and Rosalie Coblentz.

Late news of new arrivals — Loyal Mealer III was born September 2—*Natalie Ingalls Mealer* and *Loyal Mealer Jr.* are very proud of the loyal youngster.

Snow contest report—Keith Lummis of CTL reports that *Alex Hantke* came out first, and *Thelma Arlom* second. And if it hadn't been for these two, the free weekend would have been won by your editor.

—H. F.

A RACKET OVER RACQUETS

Those members who attended the East Bay dinner on Winter Touring will remember that Ned Robinson, while describing the ski trips, sneered and jeered at the Racqueteers. Therefore the Executive Committee, of which the co-chairman and one ardent member of the snowshoe group are members, passed the following resolution with only one (loud!) dissenting vote:

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Bay Chapter has in the presence of diverse members and guests in the City of Berkeley on the evening of December fourth in the year of our Lord 1957, made certain derogatory remarks about snowshoers, to wit:

a) that they are a low form of life not worthy of recognition by any redblooded skier;

b) that no one in his right mind would go snowshoeing when he could be skiing;

c) snowshoers have no visible function in life, not even decorative.

AND WHEREAS, the evidence indicates that said member has never been on a Racqueteer trip and therefore lacks the authority to speak with assurance on this subject.

AND WHEREAS, the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting, forwarded to the Secretary, presents for discussion the following item: "Snowshoeing—a sport?"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Chairman of the Bay Chapter be required to make one trip on snowshoes with the Racqueteers in order that he may ascertain that:

a) Snowshoers are recognized members of the human species;

b) The presence of waxed boards upon the feet is not, *per se*, evidence of superior cerebration in the head;

c) Mountains can be appreciated and enjoyed without risking life and limb upon two pieces of timber pointed downhill.

—HELEN WATERMAN

EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY
Four to Six Weeks
Starting August 2, 1958

The Iowa Mountaineers are sponsoring this trip to explore, hike and climb in the most scenic and spectacular mountain regions in Austrian Tyrol, the Italian Dolomites, the Swiss and French Alps.

Share the fellowship and companionship of enthusiastic hikers and climbers from the Iowa Mountaineers, the Mazamas, the Sierra Club and other mountain clubs. Interested? Write immediately for a brochure to John Ebert, European Mountain Holiday, P.O. Box 163, Iowa City, Iowa.

—Advertisement

FOR SALE

Men's ski boots, worn twice, $35. Size 10½ B-Reiker. Call R. W. Gardner at THornwall 1-4674 evenings.

SKIING IN SWITZERLAND

The East Bay Dinner proudly presents (Wednesday, January 22) some beautiful films, courtesy of Swiss Air and the Swiss National Touring Office, on the above title.

Perhaps even better for those fortunate people who can travel abroad to ski, a representative will be present to answer questions. Skiing in the Alps IS different. Please phone Helen Anthon at LAndscape 6-5661 by 10:00 p.m., January 20, for your 6:30 dinner reservation at Willard School cafeteria, Berkeley.

P.S. Three cheers to Ethel Horsfall for her wonderful engineering of our Xmas party. It was more fun than ever.

—ELAINE CARL

LIKE TO SING FOLK SONGS?

Join the East Bay Folk Music Club Friday evening, January 17, at Thelma Carder's at 2408 Parker Street, Berkeley, at 8:30 in the evening. These song gatherings are held every two weeks and Jane Luckham (AShberry 3-8168) or Fritz Schuder (THornwall 3-0218) can keep you posted.

DON'T FENCE US IN!

Who's been here since we've been gone? A white shroud across the doorway to Dave Brower's office dared us to slip underneath into the beyond. And beyond the beyond, behold! Another doorway, into a room hitherto sealed from our eyes. An opening has been blasted in the wall in the mad pursuit of the Mills Tower Treasure. Who could have thought it would be so close? And the Sierra Club has found it—SPACE! About 15 by 18 feet, we should say, with a hallway leading to another hallway zigzagging to the back end of a SC storage closet (with a front entrance into the office—surprise!). Into these recesses will go some of the office staff—never to come out again.

At present, except for a complete view of the wood panelling of the Law Library across the way (where in the world are the books?), the rooms haven't much to offer except piles of plaster in the middle of the floor. Some rock climber has mounted a ladder hovering over one of these piles, and leaned dizzily around a sharp corner to place some SC volumes on a most inacessible shelf.

We have not seen the blueprints for the rooms, but being of fanciful dispositions, our imaginations have danced over the rooms, and we see a chaise lounge with innumerable satin pillows; a Never-Fail ice cream dispenser; a bar along the back hallway; a 3-D mural of Yosemite covering the entire wall, and shelf after shelf of absolutely hilarious books.

Sic transit gloria mundi!

—D. B.

CHILDREN'S SKI GEAR WANTED

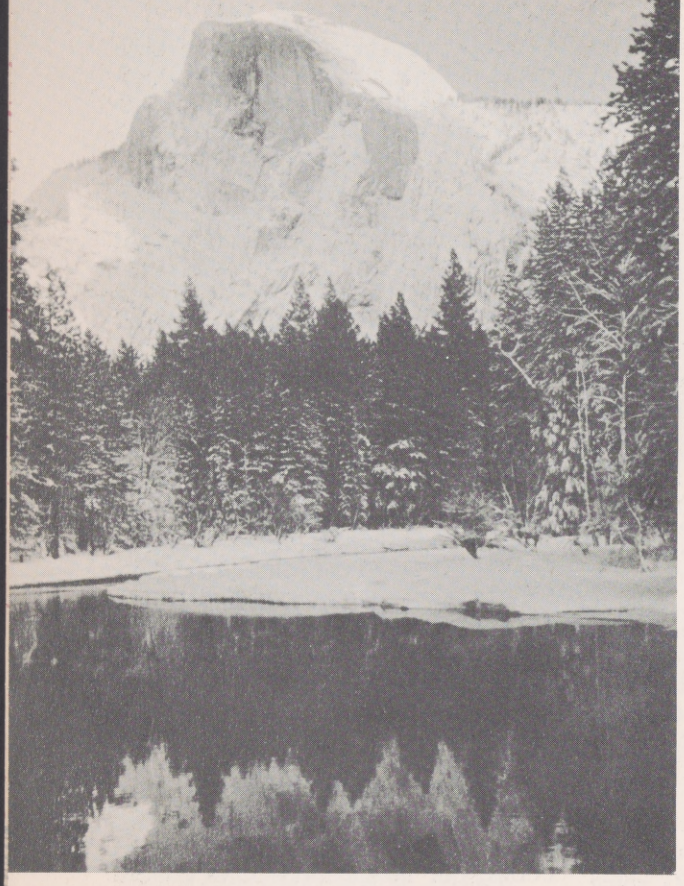
Have your children outgrown their ski gear? If so, would like to purchase 2 pairs skis and poles, 5 ft., and 3 pairs ski boots, sizes: 3, 4 and 5. Phone Margaret E. Wait, MArket 1-6421.

WANTED TO BUY — Warm, light sleeping bag. Jean Hamilton, DOuglas 2-3740, daytime.

We'll steal a trick from an SF paper and just call our back cover photo "Where Am I?". Taken after a snowstorm on a recent December 31. We didn't know there were other recent December 31s, but there must have been, since the accompanying note sent in by photographer Darrell Southwell was dated December 27, so it wasn't 1957.

Thanks, Darrell, for answering our call for pictures.

Yodeler



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